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1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED SENATE VOTES TO END ARMS AID TO TURKEY; SOME WEDNESDAY PAPERS RONT-UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGED INFLATION BOOSTS ARMS COSTS 16 BILLIONS; NYTIMES

FRONTPAGED U.S. ATOM AID TO MIDEAST TIED TO FACILITY INSPECTION. THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE SENATE UPHOLDS FORD ADMINISTRATION, POSTPONING ACTION OF AID BILL UNTIL AFTER ELECTION. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. TUESDAY WASHSTAR INSIDE HAD REPORT GRECHKO MAY RETIRE SOON. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES HAD MIDDLETON, HIGHER COST OF B-1 INTENSIFIES DEBATE ON NEED FOR A MANNED BOMBER; WASHPOST HAD LOCAL REPORTING BUNDY SAYS ARMS CONTROLLERS NEED FORD'S HELP; POST ALSO HAD ROME REUTER SAYING ANDREOTTI CALLED FOR COMMON EUROPEAN WEAPONS PRODUCTION AND SALES POLICY AS MOVE TOWARD COMMON EUROPEAN DEFENSE POLICY.

1B. THURSDAY NYTIMES REPORTS 44 PERCENT BELIEVE DEFENSE COST IS HIGH; BALTSUN CORDDRY REPORTS NAVY SHIPBUILDING

FUND SAID TO RUN TWO BILLIONS IN RED; SUN HEADS PARKS MOSCOW, SOVIET DOMESTIC POLITICS SOFTENED TO MAINTAIN DETENTE

2. ARMS CONTROL. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST MARDER REPORTED MCGEORGE BUNDY TESTIFIED BEFORE ZABLOCKI SUBCOMMITTEE THAT ONLY A STRONG REVERSAL OF RECENT WHITE HOUSE ATTITUDES CAN STRENGTHEN THE WEAKENED POSITION OF ARMS CONTROL ADVOCATES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, BUNDY SAYING IT WILL REQUIRE A VISIBLE ORDER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO RESTORE THE BALANCE BETWEEN MILITARY VIEWS AND ARMS-CONTROL INTERESTS. MARDER REPORTED ZABLOCKI SAID ACDA HAS NEVER RECOVERED FROM THE PURGE OF 1973 WHICH BUNDY SAID AMOUNTED TO A KIND OF SURRENDER TO IMPORTANT PEOPLE ON CAPITOL HILL, MARDER ADDING BUNDY MEANT THE PRIME SUPPORTERS HERE OF DOD. MARDER REPORTED ELLIOT RICHARDSON AGREED WITH BUNDY THAT CONGRESS CANNOT EFFECTIVELY LEGISLATE A PUBLIC ADVOCACY ROLE FOR ACDA, BUT ACDA SHOULD BE THE FORMULATOR OF ARMS-CONTROL INITIATIVES INSIDE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, RICHARDSON ADDING THAT IF THE HEAD OF THE AGENCY DOES NOT BELIEVE HE IS MAKING SUFFICIENT IMPACT ON THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HE OUGHT TO GET OUT. ACCORDING MARDER, BOTH WITNESSES UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID CONGRESS SHOULD BE SUPPLIED WITH THE FACTUAL INFORMATION TO MAKE ITS OWN JUDGMENTS ON ARMS CONTROL POLICY; BUT THEY ALSO AGREED THAT NO ADMINISTRATION WILL TOLERATE A POLICY OF OPEN, PUBLIC CLASHES WITH A SUBORDINATE AGENCY, BUT BUNDY ADDED THAT IF AN ADMINISTRATION LOOKS UPON THE PROVISION OF FACTS TO CONGRESS AS AN ACT OF DISLOYALTY, THEN WE HAVE REAL TROUBLE. ACCORDING MARDER, BUNDY SAID ACDA IS TODAY IN A BADLY WEAKENED

POSITION BECAUSE OVER LAST TWO YEARS IT HAS NOT HAD THE STRONG AND DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS TOP ADVISERS, BUNDY ADDING THAT ARMS CONTROL ADVOCACY IS INCREASINGLY DEPENDENT ON A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL. SECRETARY KISSINGER. BUNDY MENTIONED SALT AND SAID THE NATIONAL INTEREST SUFFERS FROM AN IMBALANCE IN THE SPECTRUM OF INFORMED ADVICE AVAILABLE AT THE TOP OF OUR GOVERNMENT, ADDING THAT SOME OF SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENTS ON DEPLOYMENT AND TARGETING OF NUCLEAR FORCES HAVE HAD SERIOUS IMPACT ON SALT TWO. ACCORDING MARDER, RICHARDSON ALSO SAID THERE IS REAL NEED FOR ACDA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECLARATORY POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH HE FELT WHEN HE WAS AT PENTAGON THAT GERARD SMITH HAD NO DIFFICULTY EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS. BUNDY SAID THAT BALANCE OF VIEWPOINTS EXISTING INSIDE KENNEDY-JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS HAS SINCE BEEN DOUBLY UPSET BY DISMANTLING OF SCIENCE ADVISER'S OFFICE IN WHITE HOUSE AND CRIPPLING OF ACDA.

- 3. DEFENSE. THURSDAY NYTIMES LOCAL ITEM REPORTS GALLUP POLL, TAKEN SEPTEMBER 6 TO 9, WHICH FOUND 44 PERCENT SAYING U.S. IS SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY FOR DEFENSE AND MILITARY PURPOSES, 32 PERCENT SAYING AMOUNT IS ABOUT RIGHT, 12 PERCENT SAYING IT IS TOO LITTLE, AND 12 PERCENT GIVING NO OPINION. STORY SAYS THIS IS DRAMATIC CHANGE SINCE 1960 WHEN ONLY 18 PERCENT BELIEVED THE COUNTRY WAS SPENDING TOO MUCH ON DEFENSE. STORY ADDS THAT PERSONS WITH COLLEGE BACKGROUND AND YOUNG ADULTS REGISTERED OVER 50 PERCENT IN THE TOO-MUCH CATEGORY; DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS WERE MORE CRITICAL OF DEFENSE SPENDING THAN REPUBLICANS, STORY SAYS.
- 3A. WEDNESDAY'S STORIES ON INFLATION REPORTED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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HARDEST HIT IS B-1 BOMBER, AND NEXT HARDEST TRIDENT. STORIES SAY CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED FOR MORE MONEY BUT SOME PROGRAMS WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE CUT BACK, NYTIMES SPECIAL STORY SAYS DEFENSE OFFICIALS GIVE AS EXAMPLE THAT INSTEAD OF BUILDING THE TEN AUTHORIZED NUCLEAR ATTACK SUBMARINES, PENTAGON MIGHT BUILD ONLY SEVEN. BALTSUN CORDDRY SAID SCHLESINGER HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN PUBLICIZING THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON THE DEFENSE BUDGET LEST IT BE ASSUMED THAT RISING COSTS RESULT FROM CONTRACT CHANGES TO IMPROVE WEAPONS OR FROM SLOPPY MANAGEMENT.

4. RUSSIA. TUESDAY WASHSTAR REPORTED THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAY GRECHKO, A BLUNT SKEPTIC ABOUT DETENTE, MAY BE RETIRING SOON, BUT IF HE DOES RETIRE

THE 71-YEAR-OLD MARSHAL IS LIKELY TO RETAIN HIS POSITION IN THE POLITBURO AND NO CHANGE IN POLICY COULD BE EXPECTED. STORY SAYS LIKELY SUCCESSOR IS VLADIMIR TOLUBKO, COMMANDER OF STRATEGIC MISSILE FORCES.

4A. THURSDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW SAYS SOVIET LEADERSHIP IS MODERATING ITS DOMESTIC POLICIES WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY TO AVOID DAMAGING EAST-WEST DETENTE, AND THESE CHANGES ARE CONSIDERABLE, CITING EXILE OF SOLZHENITSYN RATHER THAN IMPRISONMENT, PERMISSION FOR ABOUT 60,000 JEWS TO EMIGRATE ANNUALLY, PERMISSION FOR ABSTRACT ART EXHIBIT, FACT THAT MOST WESTERN RADIO BROADCASTS ARE NOW UNJAMMED, SAKHAROV IS ALLOWED TO VOLD PRESS CONFERENCES AS LEADER OF DISSIDENTS. PARKS SAYS EVERY TIME-A MAJOR ACCOMMODATION IS MADE THERE IS A LENGTHY COMMENTARY EXPLAINING SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE ITS BUSINESS ALONE AND NOT SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION OR CHANGE AT WESTERN REQUEST, BUT THE MODERATES AT TOP OF KREMLIN HIERARCHY CONTINUE TO MODERATE DOMESTIC POLICIES TO MAKE MOSCOW A MORE ATTRACTIVE PARTNER FOR THE WEST.

5. COMMENT. RECENT EDITORIALS IN LATIMES, WATERTOWN TIMES AND WASHSTAR DISCUSS SECURITY OF US NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE DEPLOYED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVING BAD INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS WHERE NUKES MIGHT UNCLASSIFIED

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BE SEIZED BY TERRORISTS. ALL PAPERS APPROVE PENTAGON STUDY CURRENTLY BEING MADE, WASHSTAR ADDING THAT NUCLEAR SECURITY SHOULD BE HIGH PRIORITY DUTY FOR DOD WITH NO DELAY OR SPARING OF FUNDS.

5A. TODAY'S JOSEPH KRAFT COLUMN IS HEADED BY WASHPOST, ROUGH TIMES AHEAD FOR HENRY KISSINGER, KRAFT SAYING THAT WITH NIXON GONE, KISSINGER HAS NO BAD GUY AGAINST WHOM TO PLAY SECRET GOOD GUY; NOBODY CAN BELIEVE PRESIDENT FORD IS THE VILLAIN, KRAFT ADDING THAT NEITHER HAS THERE BEEN MUCH DISPOSITION TO ACCEPT HINTS DROPPED VAGUELY BY DR. KISSINGER THAT DEPICT SCHLESINGER AS THE BAD GUY OUT TO SPOIL DETENTE AND SIMON AS THE HEAVY MESSING UP OIL TALKS WITH THE ARABS. FACT IS, SAYS KRAFT, KISSINGER CAN NO LONGER PLAY THE SECRET GOOD GUY AND HE IS GOING TO GET HIS SHARE OF BRICKBATS. KRAFT CITING SENATE REBELLION ON AID MEASURE, CUTTING AID TO CHILEAN MILITARY REGIME WHICH OVERTHREW ALLENDE, CUTTING OFF FERTILIZER AID TO SAIGON DESIRED BY KISSINGER, AND CUTTING OFF AID TO TURKEY AFTER KISSINGER'S TILTING TOWARD THAT COUNTRY. KRAFT EXPRESSES HOPE KISSINGER WILL HANG IN THERE DESPITE

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